

Obituary.

Dr. A. M. Loryea.

A figure well known in this city and all over the Pacific Coast has been removed by death. Dr. A. M. Loryea died from a complication of diseases at "The Rural Health Retreat" three miles from St. Helena, Cal., on April 24th, 1893, in the fifty-fourth year of his life. He was one of the pioneer physicians of this State and Oregon, where he practiced his profession during a number of years. The deceased was born in Charleston, South Carolina, where he received his literary and professional education, graduating as a doctor in medicine from the Medical College of the State of South Carolina in 1858. His life was an eventful one. Entering the ranks of the medical profession at a very early age, we find him, a mere stripling, battling against an epidemic of yellow fever which had broken out and was raging at the time of his graduation in Richmond, Virginia. His services were of such an heroic character and of such a creditable nature as to attract the attention of the local medical society which, as a token of its appreciation of his self-sacrificing efforts in the cause of suffering humanity, presented him with a gold goblet suitably inscribed. Leaving the Southern States soon after that event he came to this city and opened an office in which he remained a few years. Subsequently he went to Oregon where he became quite eminent as a surgeon. For seventeen years he was Superintendent of the Oregon Insane Asylum, in which position he gave great satisfaction, displaying rare executive ability and excelling, as he did, in this specialty in medicine. Nor was he prominent in medicine alone but he occupied a foremost place in the financial and political field of his section of the country. He was head of a banking institution and of a railway corporation. The suffrages of his fellow-citizens elected him Mayor of East Portland, Oregon, and at one time he was a candidate for the Oregon senatorial toga in the United States Senate. Having lost the major portion of his fortune he forsook Oregon for San Francisco, remaining in this city but a short period of time. He traveled extensively in Europe and the East, visiting Egypt and the Holy Land. Coming back again to San Francisco he opened, in conjunction with the late Dr. Trask, the "Hammam" on Grant Avenue. Dr. Trask retired after a short time from the co-partnership, Dr. Loryea

continuing after that date for a number of years as its manager and proprietor. Dr. Loryea, besides this hammam, which he also gave up, erected and ran similar institutions in New York and at 218 Post street, San Francisco, retaining the ownership and management of the last-named establishment up to the time of his death. His intimate acquaintance and knowledge of everything connected with balneological matters made him an authority upon these subjects.

As a result of his travels, his former wealth and political affiliations he was on intimate terms with many of the men who made the history of our time. He enjoyed the confidence and friendship of General Grant and President Arthur and was a mine of information of anecdote and humor concerning these two celebrated personages.

Dr. Loryea leaves a widow, several grown-up children and a host of friends to mourn his untimely demise.

In social life he was a thorough gentleman of the old school, courteous, affable and polite, with a heart as warm as the torrid sun rays of his native semi-tropical palmetto State. Of a kindly disposition and of a charitable nature he never was as happy as when he could do good to his fellow man.

“ His life was gentle, and the elements
So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up,
And say to all the world—‘ This was a man.’ ”

ALFRED E. REGENSBURGER.

DR. R. A. MCLEAN has gone East to attend the American Medical Association.

At the last meeting of the San Francisco County Society nine applications for membership were received.

DR. W. E. HOPKINS has returned to San Francisco after an absence of several months spent in the Hospitals and Clinics of London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna.

DR. C. E. COOPER has been appointed Superintendent of the Hygeia Hospital, which we understand, will be thoroughly renovated and conducted on first-class principles. In the selection of Dr. Cooper the management have placed a man of ability at the head of their institution.